



I have always felt that criminal activity results not only in the victimization of an individual, but has an adverse effect on the community at large. For example, a drug dealer, who sells illegal drugs from his doorstep, inviting customers to come and go all night, alarms the surrounding residents. However, neighbors

down the street, aware of the drug activity, refuse to allow their children to play in the front yard out of fear for their safety. A community often starts a Neighborhood Association to unite residents against crime. Did you know that new laws in Arizona also allow Neighborhood Associations to participate in the criminal justice process?

The Maricopa County Attorney's Office serves the public as an advocate for the State and as a voice for your neighborhood, the victim. I am committed to seeing your Neighborhood Association treated with fairness, dignity and respect throughout the criminal justice process. It is my hope that we can work together as a team to effectively prosecute those who have broken the law. The criminal justice system needs your Neighborhood Association's cooperation and participation if we are to succeed in our goal of deterring crime and preserving the safety of our community.

For most people, the criminal justice system is very complicated, with rules, procedures and unusual terminology. We have prepared this brochure to help Neighborhood Associations understand their rights as victims of crime.

It is my commitment to the public that the Maricopa County Attorney's Office will be responsive to your Neighborhood Association's needs. Meanwhile, my attorneys will vigorously prosecute those who have broken the law. Together, as a team, we can make our community a safe place to live.

Sincerely,

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Neighborhood Associations have victims' rights, similar to those of individual victims of crime. By empowering these associations, neighborhoods have input in the criminal justice system.

Guidelines

Neighborhood Association Representatives must follow specific guidelines and procedures to exercise their victims' rights.

Neighborhood Associations must register with the city, town, or county in which the Neighborhood Association is located. This first step invokes the right to receive information. The Neighborhood Association representative may then request arrest information from the law enforcement agency in the jurisdiction where the crime occurred.

In the City of Phoenix, Neighborhood Associations must register with the city's Neighborhood Services Department. Only one representative from each Neighborhood Association may register with the city. To receive information, please call (602) 534-4444. In addition, the Neighborhood Association Representative must then contact their local police precinct and register with the Police Community Action Officer assigned to their neighborhood.

Crimes for which Neighborhood Associations would be able to exercise their victims' rights are limited to those listed in this brochure.

Victims' Rights That Apply to Neighborhood Associations

- Notice of criminal proceedings
- Right to be present at any criminal proceeding at which defendant may be present

- Right to present evidence, information and opinions that concern the criminal offense, the defendant or the sentence at any aggravation, mitigation, pre-sentencing or sentencing proceeding.
- Association Representative has right not to testify regarding personal address, phone number, or any other locating information.

Statutes Applicable to Neighborhood Associations

If any of the following crimes are committed in your neighborhood, your Association may be considered a victim if it is properly registered with the city, town or county in which the Neighborhood Association is located:

ARS §13-3201 Enticement of persons for purpose of prostitution

ARS §13-3204 Receiving earnings of a prostitute

ARS §13-3208(B) Operating or maintaining a house of prostitution

ARS §13-3209 Pandering (soliciting for prostitution)

ARS §13-3405 Marijuana possession, use, production, sale or transportation

ARS §13-3407 Dangerous drugs — possession, use, administration, acquisition, sale manufacture or transportation

ARS §13-3408 Narcotic drugs — possession, use, administration, acquisition, sale, manufacture, or transportation

ARS §13-3409 Involving or using minors in drug offenses (adults only)

ARS §13-3421 Using a building for sale or manufacture of dangerous or narcotic drugs; fortification of a building

ARS §13-4702 Conducting a chop shop

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Phone Numbers

**Maricopa County Attorney's Office
Victim Witness Division •** (602) 506-8522
301 W Jefferson, 9th floor
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

Southeast Facility • (602) 506-2488
222 E Javalina, Suite 2400
Mesa, Arizona 85210

Juvenile Facility East • (480) 962-8002
540 E Iron Ave., Suite 110
Mesa, Arizona 85210

Juvenile Facility West • (602) 455-3877
3501 W Osborn
Phoenix, Arizona 85019

Initial Appearance (IA) Court Victim Line •
(602) 256-5484

City of Phoenix
General Information • (602) 262-7344;
Neighborhood Services Division • (602) 534-4444

Internet

You may also access current superior court case information through the Internet at www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov by using the case number or the defendant's name.